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Department of Health and Human Services to Hold Hearing July 17 on Genetic Counselor Regulations

Lincoln –The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, is holding a hearing on proposed new regulations related to the licensure of genetic counselors on Thursday, July 17, at 9:00 a.m. CT, in the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln, 301 Centennial Mall South, lower level conference room A.

The proposed new regulations will establish definitions, requirements for initial, provisional and renewal licensure, including competency requirements, provisions for denied or withdrawn applications, unprofessional conduct, grounds for discipline, conditions for reinstatement of a license and fees.

All interested persons are invited to attend and comment at the hearings. Written comments are also welcome and will be given the same consideration as comments made in person. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5:00 p.m. CT the day of the hearing, and should be e-mailed to DHHS.RulesandRegs@nebraska.gov, faxed to 402-742-2382, or sent to DHHS Legal Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026. Copies of written comments and names of persons submitting them will be available after the hearing from DHHS as above.

The draft regulations can be found at <http://www.sos.ne.gov>